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KIM IL SUNG APPEALS TO STALIN FOR HELP;  
MILITARY AID PROMISED

In a message to Stalin, Kim Il Sung made the following appeal.

"Your Excellency:

"We had fully anticipated successful uprisings in South Korea, but unfortunately our attempt, thus far, has suffered a series of defeats largely due to the superior strength of the National Army. The People's Army which we sent to South Korea for the purpose of achieving our aims were unable to accomplish the objective. Some of the troops have been arrested and others have escaped to the North. The People's Army Headquarters at Chiri Mountain in South Korea has now reached a state of complete collapse. The majority of the troops was killed in action or surrendered, and the remaining elements are finding it very difficult to sustain themselves.

"To illustrate the situation, the National Army, as a part of its strategic methods, has cut down the forests around Chiri Mountain to a depth of over 300 meters. This deprived the People's Army of hiding facilities, thus forcing it to retreat to the top of Chiri Mountain. Now, their choice is either surrender or starvation. The resulting effect upon the left-wing group in South Korea is that it is in the state of complete surrender. In addition, most Communist members in South Korea are leaving the Party to join with various right-wing organizations in increasing numbers. In brief, our South Korea policy has failed.

"South Korea's policy toward North Korea is for the complete annihilation of the North Korean regime. Our success in South Korea depended entirely upon the left-wing movement, as I informed Your Excellency upon numerous occasions. Our domestic policy for 4 years since the liberation has been a policy of complete dictatorship to achieve a successful revolution. On the whole, the public of the North maintain silence, but deep in their hearts they are loyal supporters of the Republic of Korea. It is estimated that about 80 - 90 percent of the people in the North fall in this category.

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"Your Excellency, my last appeal to you is give us more weapons with an ample number of military experts so that we can revive the left-wing elements in South Korea."

In response to this appeal to Stalin, Kim Il Sung received the following signed by Malenkov on 20 April 1949:

"Dear Comrade Kim Il Sung:

"I have read your report. The task of reviving full-scale uprisings in South Korea will take a long time. The thing you should do now is to concentrate the People's Army on the 38th Parallel and conduct guerrilla warfare. This will probably help left-wing members to stay on our side. I have instructed General Shtikov to attach Soviet Army units to the People's Army and render direct assistance. I believe this arrangement will in the end bring a new life near the border area. I must warn you that if any Soviet soldier is either captured or discovered in the front line by the National Army, the US Army Chief is bound to make an official protest. You must be very careful in this regard. In the event the People's Army's defeat appears to be certain, you can ask the Chinese Communist Army for help."

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